A Radio Message for YOU!

The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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"The Everlasting Gospel"

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Friends, we are happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio with another message of the everlasting gospel of Christ. That is what we want to talk about for a little while today. That is--the everlasting gospel. In the midst of perplexity of nations and uncertainty among so many people, nations rising and falling and turmoil and storm clouds arising on the horizons at home and abroad, surely we need a place of safety. Do you know where that place of safety is? Let me give it to you here in song, "Under His Wings". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Now please notice that the gospel is everlasting. It is not something of interest today and gone tomorrow, but it is the eternal and everlasting Word of God. In a world filled with strife and turmoil it is the gospel which we need. Many of the problems of the nations and rulers would be solved quickly if the gospel was followed. In fact, the gospel is the thing which is needed above all else to bring peace. Listen to this verse from Ephesians 6:15. "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." So if you want to have peace, it is the gospel which you need.

The gospel is sometimes termed: "the gospel of God", "the gospel of Jesus Christ", "the gospel of the grace of God", "the gospel of the kingdom", "the gospel of salvation", "the mystery of Christ", "the Word of God", the word of grace", "the word of salvation", "the word of reconciliation", "the word of truth", "the word of faith", and "the word of life", but regardless of the term used to designate its power, I am glad it is an everlasting gospel and able to save everyone who comes in the right attitude of heart.

Jesus spoke once of the gospel in this way. "Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Matthew 11:4-5. So you see, God plans to have the gospel preached to the rich and the poor alike. None are excluded. In fact, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

Here then is the manner in which it is to be preached--first with power. Listen to what Paul said: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." I Corinthians 2:4-5.

There is another unique thing about the gospel. It should be preached to please God and not man. Listen to these words, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man." Galatians 1:10-11

There is another thing about the gospel which we of The Mission Trail are endeavoring to do. But first let me give you this scripture. "What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel." I Cor. 9:18. That is exactly what we are endeavoring to do--send forth the gospel without charge. Now that does not mean that there is no cost to the broadcasting and printing of the word each week for there is. It is very expensive to pay the bills, but it does mean that our faith is in Christ, and we believe that what he has called us to do He will also provide the finances to see us through. In that way we can send it forth without cost or obligation.

Here are the effects of the preaching of the gospel. First, there are certain jobs and crafts which are endangered by it. Did you ever stop to think about that? Do you remember when Paul preached the one true God at Ephesus? Demetrius the silversmith was greatly stirred, and here is what happened, "And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the World worshippeth." Acts 19:23-27

You see he was greatly troubled about those idols which they manufactured for a living. Nevertheless, the gospel does attack and ruin certain jobs and occupations. Take for instance the selling of liquor and tobacco. Against this we preach. They are the tools which Satan uses and saints have no need for them.

But the bright side of the gospel is the victory which it brings. To those who believe, it is the power of God unto salvation. They are saved not only from the snares of Satan here in this world, but they are heirs to all the glory of the world to come. Let us pray.

Our Father,

May the everlasting gospel of Christ find room in the hearts of those who hear the broadcast, and may its power uproot the seeds of evil which are being sown by the enemy of all unrighteousness, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now may I take this opportunity to let you know that this message is brought your way by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If the Lord should speak to your heart and direct you to help us send forth the gospel by means of radio and printed page each week,

we would be glad to hear from you. We do desire your prayers.

Here is a scripture in Psalm 55:22 which says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." I like that verse, so friends, that is our message of comfort and cheer to you in regard to the everlasting gospel. We hope you have enjoyed it. If so, we would be very happy to hear from you. You may address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. And be sure to be with us next week at the same time on this same station for another broadcast. Remember us in your prayers, and may the Lord bless and comfort each and everyone of you, and now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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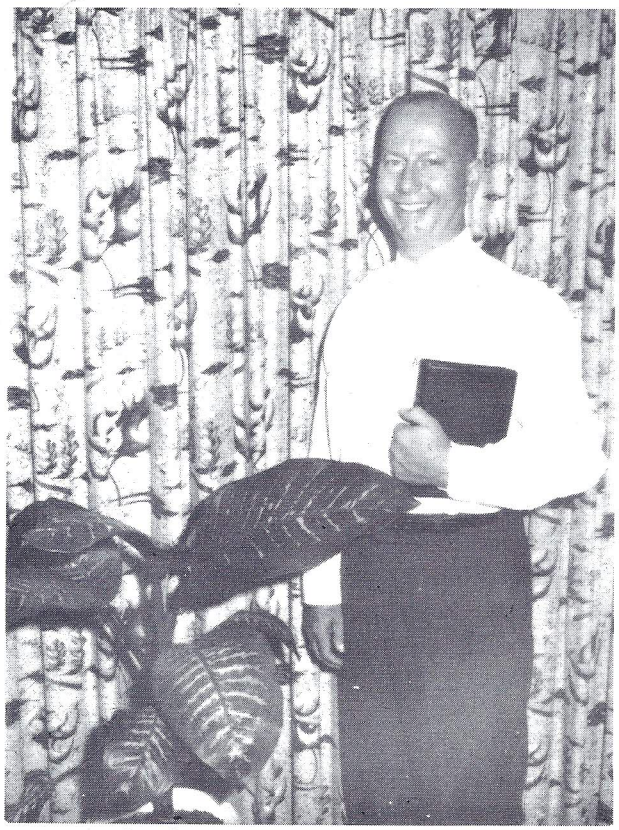

Brother Harland H. Smith

Mexico Mission Report

Dear Readers of The Mission Trail, I count it a real privilege to be in the print shop and recording studio with the Murphey family where the weekly broadcast and printed paper originate. Some space was offered me in this issue so I wish to report that God continues to bless and prosper the work in Mexico, amidst battles against our common foe, the devil. However, in spite of all Satan does to defeat God's purpose the Word continues to go forth as precious seed seeking good ground in which to germinate and bring forth a crop for harvest. While denominations rise and fall all about us, God's true church stands out brighter and brighter as a beacon light in a land where many are hearing the pure gospel for the first time.

Even though some of our congregations are in remote rural areas, sin and wickedness are on a rampage and people need to recognize their need of the blood for pardon and cleansing the same as the rest.

There is much that could be said about the Mexico work but with the space left allow me to urge everyone to pray much for the workers and work in general. We have been promising you a book covering the beginning and subsequent progress over the "now ten years". Pray that this soon be a reality.

It has been a joy to spend a week in Oklahoma visiting many of the saints who have stood together with us by their prayers and contributions. Each one be true to the cause of God and support every phase of the work as He directs.

Yours for the gleaning of souls,

Harland H. Smith

Testimonies

From Louisiana: ". . . This leaves us encouraged to go all the way with the Lord and we know we can by His help and grace. I've just finished reading "The Mission Trail" and I enjoy reading it very much. We also listen to the broadcast on WFPR most every Sunday morning. We feel this is a good work for the Lord and trust He will continue to help you to keep the truth going forth by air and printed word. We were glad to get to see all the dear saints at Guthrie and appreciate the love and kindness that was manifested toward one another. . . . Trust all of you will get to come down for the Hammond campmeeting this summer. Pray much for this meeting. Some precious souls we long to see saved. The Lord is blessing here and prayers are being answered. Let us pray always and not to faint. May the Lord bless you each one is our prayer. With Christian love, Effie Miller"

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From Texas: "Dear Brother and Sister Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus dear name, I enjoy The Mission Trail very much, and am always glad to hear from the different ones. Congratulations to Patsy and Clifford on their wedding June 8. May the good Lord bless and keep you both in his love and care. Begin your new life with family prayer, and look to Him to lead, guide, and direct is my prayer . . . These few lines leave me still saved and sanctified pressing on the upward way to the glory world. I need your prayers that I stay completely in the will of the Lord and He will reveal His will to me more clearly. May the good Lord keep and lead you is my prayer. Christian love, A sister in Christ, Nellie Lovell"

From Kansas: "You know I am more thankful than ever for your printed message. I listened Sunday and I thought it was such a good message . . . I do pray that God will keep each encouraged and that He will supply your needs in every way. I sometimes wondered if God stretched the ministers' money. I know it costs a lot to just live. May the Lord richly bless each of you and care for you in every way . . . " --Mamie Norcutt

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From Indiana: "Dear Saints, Please pray for my healing of crippling arthritis. I have it in both feet, knees, both hands and shoulders, and can scarcely get around. I also still have troubles with shingles, and have other afflictions besides. Please put this request in "The Mission Trail." Ask the saints to pray earnestly. Your brother in Him, Earl L. Bowden"

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From California: "My dear ones in Christ Jesus, May heaven's blessings be your great portion from our dear father of all benefits for your whole household is my sincere prayer. And for dear Patsy and husband and their future life and career, that it will be all in the sweet will of God, with a long happy life in the service of God. The Lord bless all. Amen. Sis. and Bro. Phillips."

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From Texas: ". . . I am still victorious spiritually, though I am yet very weak in body. Please, remember me when you pray. May God bless Patsy and Clifford in this new step in life they are taking. . .I look forward to receiving The Mission Trail paper every week. I truly enjoy reading it. Your sister in Christ, Velda Ellis"

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"I request prayer for our grandsons in Viet Nam." --Mrs. Ben Harrison

From Washington: ". . . I want to say I surely do enjoy The Mission Trail paper. . . I surely hope you can keep it coming. . . I am thankful to the Lord for His goodness and love to His trusting children. He has done so much for me. I want to keep humble and be all He would have me to be in this troubled and sinful world. The scripture kept coming to me a few days ago, "and when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, for your redemption draweth nigh" Luke 21:28. May God bless you in your work,"

--Mrs. D. T. Thomas

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From California: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greeting you in the name of our blessed redeemer who washed us in his blood and made us clean and gave us a new heart of flesh and took away our stony heart. Praise his dear name. It is worthy to be praised. Well, it has been some time since I wrote to you but I have not forgotten you. I was thinking of you the other day and the Lord brought this scripture to me but do not know where it is found, but I know it is in the Bible. "Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn." So I am sending you this little donation to at least help out a little in providing food and clothing for your family so then and not till then you will be able to keep the Word of God going out on the air by means of the radio of which I am so thankful. Outside of the sick spell I had we here at the home are very well except Sis. Luehring has been having trouble with one of her limbs so stiff and swollen it makes it hard for her to get up and down and get around very good but she still comes to read to me. I surely enjoyed the message "By his stripes we are healed" and it came at just the right time to stir up my faith. Thank the dear Lord. . . Christian love from Sis. Atha."

From Calif.: "Dear Murphey family, Our fervent greeting to each and all in the Lord. Hoping all of you are well, encouraged and drawing on the abundant grace and love of God as you live and labor for Him and souls. Am enclosing a small offering and want to thank you for sending us your publication. Of course out in this area we do not hear your broadcasts, but thankful you are on several stations. Lois is in the Los Angeles area a good portion of the time helping Kenneth. He is doing real well by the great mercy of the Lord. We truly thank all of you and any who have so earnestly prayed in this situation. If your calling in the Great Harvest Field brings you out this way, we would be glad for you to come by and see us. . . Our sincere Christian love to each and all, Robert and Lois Longley"

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My Task!

It matters not what others do,
It is my task to see
My life is patterned in the mold
The Lord has planned for me.

It matters not what others think,
Or what the creed they claim.
It matters only that I live
To glorify God's name.

It matters not what others say
In ridicule or fun
I want to live so that I may hear
His words, "My child, Well done."

It matters not my lot in life,
In sunshine, clouds, or rain.
If only Jesus has control.
Earth's greatest loss is gain.

--Agnes Gatties

In a recent letter from Sis. Sybil Goldsberry of West Monroe, La., she mentioned a number of burdens for which I am sure they would appreciate prayer. She went on to say: "We look forward to each issue of The Mission Trail and so appreciate the pictures of the different saints. . .I have 2 loose leaf binders filled with our copies of the paper and will have to start the 3rd one now. I like to go back over them at times and sometimes find it necessary to look up an address of some of the saints. We have a new addition to our family--our oldest son was married 3 weeks ago--She seems like a very nice girl and modest. God bless each of you in every needed way. . ."

--Sybil Goldsberry

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"Most democracies have endured for about 200 years. Historically, they have proceeded from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to courage, from courage to freedom, from freedom to abuncance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to apathy, from apathy to dependency, and from dependency back to bondage."

--Channing Pollock, noted historian

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"Remember me please in prayer. I'm sick again and need healing in my body."

--Lona Cryer

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"This leaves me still encouraged to live for our great redeemer."

--Tempie Crisp

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We were pleased to read of Aunt Laura's comments concerning The Mission Trail. She is 92 or 93 years old and wrote to Ben and Sybil Goldsberry: "Pearl brings the little paper--Mission Trail, and I think it is wonderful. I read it over and over. I do appreciate it so much." --Miss Laura Goldsberry, Welch, Oklahoma

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, We praise the Lord for salvation this day. We are encouraged to press on. The Lord has blessed us lately by sending Bro. and Sis. Ostis Wilson for services here in Shreveport. The Lord asked Peter, "Peter, lovest thou me?" Then He told Peter, "Feed my sheep." We surely were fed out of the word of God. I wish every one could have heard the messages. We also enjoy hearing your messages on the radio. Christian love, Don and Mary Gentry and family."

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From California: "Dear Saints, I want to say I am saved and satisfied with the old time truth. I want to thank all who prayed for my son that was so bad. He is home now and doing well. I am so glad I have the Lord to call upon. He is such a wonderful friend. He has promised not to let more come on us than we can bear. I want to live true to my blessed Lord. I need your prayers. Alpha Daniels"

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From Kentucky: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, In the name of Jesus we greet you once again this side of eternity, trusting this finds you all in good health, and prospering in the Lord. We truly have nothing to complain about, having plenty of rain which cause vegetation to grow rapidly. We have a nice garden--lots of beautiful roses and other flowers. We had plenty of strawberries, will have plenty of raspberries, for which I truly thank the Lord. . .I enjoy The Mission Trail so much, also the encouraging letters I get from the saints. . . Love and prayers, Alpha and Dale" Baldridge

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Patience walks with steady tread
Faith with uplifted eyes,
But hope, tip-toeing on ahead
Sees first the sun arise. --A. Gatties.

at press time

we understand:

Clifford and Patsy Smith

Last Saturday evening, June 8th many saints and friends were present to witness the marriage of our daughter, Patsy, to Clifford Smith. The ceremony was held in the chapel here in Guthrie with Brother Ostis Wilson officiating. Clifford's father, Brother Harland Smith and also his mother, Betty, were present. Many thanks to those who brought or sent gifts which will prove useful as they begin their life together as one. Patsy will be greatly missed at home and also her services on the Mission Trail. Remember Clifford and Patsy in prayer that their lives may also prove a great blessing to others in California.

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We were pleased to have Floyd and Margaretta Kennedy with us in services Sunday. They came home with us for dinner before returning to Wichita.

GLOOM OR HAPPINESS?

If you feel like feeling gloomy
You can look around and see
Just about a hundred reasons
To be blue as blue can be,
Every one is mean and selfish,
The world is growing worse each day
Life is hardly worth the living
If you want to feel that way.

If you feel like feeling happy
Its an easy thing to find
Every one around seems busy
Seeking chances to be kind.
And if you will only notice
You'll discover it is true
Whether folks seems cross or pleasant
Just depends a lot on you.

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It is encouraging to know that Dickie Madden, 14 year old son of Richard and Oleta Madden, is slowly improving from an attack of appendicitis which he recently suffered.

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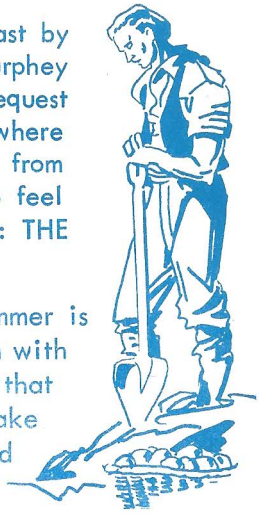
FROM HONDURAS:

"June 5, 1968, Coxen Hale, Roatan, Honduras, C. A. Greetings from Honduras. Arrived yesterday. Nice flight. Found Bro. Esau Brooks easily. They had services last night. I'm to preach rest of week. Nice concrete building. About 75 present. Heard good sermon. Roatan Island is about 35 miles from mainland. Expect to return Friday week for 3rd Sunday service in Miss. My love to all, Bro. Carver"

THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



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KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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